



Staff Report

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO FOR THE PROVISION OF ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

Staff recommends adoption of the attached resolution approving the second amendment to the agreement with San Mateo County for the provision of Animal Control Services, extending the current contract through 2011.

Background

The County of San Mateo has contracted with the Peninsula Humane Society (PHS) for Animal Control Services provided to all cities and unincorporated areas of the County for over 45 years. The individual cities have historically contracted with the County for these services. In June 2003 the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution approving an agreement with PHS for shelter and field Animal Control Services for the entire County and another approving an agreement with the individual cities in the County for such services. At that time, the City of Belmont approved the three year agreement.

In 2005 San Mateo County adopted a resolution extending that contract via amendment through June 2008.

On April 24, 2007 the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors adopted another resolution which provides for a second amendment to the original contract, thus extending PHS Animal Control Services County wide through 2011. The attached resolution will allow the City of Belmont to adopt this latest contract extension.

Discussion

The attached amendment requires each City to pay the County prior to January 1 of each fiscal year, following the receipt of an invoice from the County. The County will calculate a percentage breakdown annually, based on service reports provided by the County Contractor. Percentage distribution for a given year will be based on an average of service costs over the three calendar years prior to the year in question. Since 2003, Belmont's percentage has decreased from 3.34% to 3.25% before credits/discounts (such as spade and neutering credits)

that historically have dropped this total to between 2.7% and 2.8%. Though that is not necessarily reflective of future percentages, there is no clear reason to believe that Belmont's use of Animal Control Services will vary significantly from these previous numbers.

Although the first amendment to the original contract allowed for a 5% annual increase for each additional year of service, PHS has agreed to reset costs below current levels. For FY 2006-2007 the County of San Mateo paid \$4,829,745 of which Belmont paid approximately \$131,054. In the current year (FY 2007-2008) the County will pay PHS \$5,076,951 of which Belmont will pay approximately \$141,086. The attached amendment will reduce the County's cost in FY 2008-2009 to \$4,750,000 of which Belmont will expect to pay approximately \$133,000 based on percentages of previous years. From that point, the costs will increase at a rate of 5% through FY 2010-2011.

The attached amendment also includes an updated Hold Harmless agreement that has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.

Fiscal Impact

The second amendment to the agreement for Animal Control Services will result in a reduction in costs in the County and individual cities in the short term. Since the City and County cost distribution formula is updated annually based on service usage for each city, offsetting revenues and other factors, it is not possible to anticipate Belmont's exact percentage of contribution.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>County Cost</u>	<u>Belmont</u> (estimated at 2.8%)
2007-2008	\$5,076,951	\$141,086 (current budget)
2008-2009	\$4,750,000	\$133,000
2009-2010	\$4,987,500	\$139,650
2010-2011	\$5,236,875	\$146,633

Public Contact

This item has been placed on the City Council agenda.

Recommendation

Staff recommends adopting the attached resolution approving the second amendment to the agreement for Animal Control Services with the County of San Mateo.

Alternatives

1. Opt not approve the amendment
2. Refer back to staff for further information.

Attachments

- A. Resolution approving the second amendment to the agreement with the County of San Mateo for Animal Control Services.
- B. Original agreement with the County of San Mateo for Animal Control Services.
- C. Sample resolution from the County of San Mateo outlining the second resolution to the agreement for Animal Control Services.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief of Police

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City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT
AUTHORIZING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO FOR THE PROVISION OF
ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, San Mateo County has contracted with the Peninsula Humane Society for over 45 years for Animal Control Services; and,

WHEREAS, the twenty cities in the County have in turn contracted with the County for the provision of such services; and,

WHEREAS, the current agreement with the County of San Mateo was entered into with the adoption of Resolution 9429 on June 24, 2003, and amended by Resolution 9643 on March 22, 2005; and,

WHEREAS, the County and cities have amended the agreement to extend the Animal Control Services through June 30, 2011, and amend the payment schedule; and,

WHEREAS, the Peninsula Human Society will add as an additional insured party the City of Belmont to their insurance policy; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Belmont has been presented with these amendments and desire to enter into the same, and said amendment is attached hereto as Appendix A;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Belmont is hereby authorized to execute said amendment to the agreement for and on behalf of the City of Belmont.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on October 23, 2007 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of Belmont